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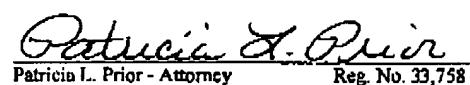
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AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006 having a reply due date of May 24, 2006, with a one month extension. Reconsideration and reexamination of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.